GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:145
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a large number of Bangladeshi Nationals are travelling to various countries from Indian airports after acquiring fake Indian Passports and Visas;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, airport-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard including cases registered and arrests made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 145 FOR 17.02.2009

(a) to (c): As per available information, a few cases have been detected at International Airports where Bangladeshi Nationals were found using fake Indian passports and visas. The data regarding such cases detected at the major International Airports during the last three years is as under:

Airports	Year 2006	Year 2007	Year 2008
Delhi	03	Nil	05
Mumbai	Nil	Nil	01
Chennai	04	Nil	09
Kolkata	Nil	01	Nil
Amritsar	Nil	Nil	Nil

To ascertain the genuineness of the travel documents including visas and to detect forgeries, the immigration officers at all the Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) in the country are provided with the specimen copies of the travel documents for comparison. They are also provided with Ultra Violet Lamps / Magnifying glasses to examine the travel documents including visas to detect possible tampering. In addition, Passport Reading Machines (PRMs) and Questionable Document Examiner (QDX) Machines have also been installed at major ICPs. All these equipments have resulted in enhanced security screening and better passenger facilitation. Above

all, officers manning immigration counters at all the ICPs are given special training for detection of forged/fake travel documents.

All the Bangladeshi Nationals as detailed in the table above were handed over to the concerned police authorities. Appropriate action has been taken under law.